GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:366
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
ROTARY CANCER HOSPITAL
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many patients have died due to long waiting list for treatment in the Rotary Cancer Hospital, as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated October 23, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Indian Rotary Cancer Hospital (IRCH)(AIIMS) it is not correct to say that many patients have died due to long waiting list for treatment. There is also no delay in registering patients in OPD and all patients reporting within the scheduled timings are registered. As per the statistics for the period 1998-99 to 2001-2002, i.e. even during the period when construction work was going on, there has been substantial increase in number of Indoor patients, number of Surgical Operations conducted, Medical Oncology procedures undertaken and Radiological Investigations conducted (details at Annexure).

ANNEXURE
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 366 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 2003

ROTARY CANCER HOSPITAL

	1998-99	2001-02
OPD Patients	43,099	49,975
Indoor Patients	7,009	11,229
Total Patients on Chemotherapy	10,433	15,155
Surgical Operations:		
(a) Major	283	375
(b) Minor	338	1,161
Medical Oncology Procedures		
(e.g.BM Biopsy, Aspiration etc.)	1,049	2,111
Radiological Investigations	9,259	14,079